

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : (a) It is not possible to furnish the information, as the period for which the same is required has not been specified.

(b) and (c) In view of the answer to part (a) above, these do not arise.

Jewish cemetery in Parur town.

75. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Jewish cemetery exists in the heart of the Parur town ; whether the public of Parur have memorialised them for the removal of this cemetery to a convenient place ; if so, when the memorial was received and what action has been taken by them on the memorial ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Government are aware that a Jewish cemetery exists in the Parur Municipal town. They have not received any memorial from the public for its removal from the present site.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member the distance of the High School from this cemetery ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : About two furlongs.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether all sides of the cemetery are thickly populated and there are many houses ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the presence of that cemetery in the heart of the town is injurious to the health of the public ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : But there are similar cemeteries and cremation grounds within the heart of the municipality of Parur and if one cemetery is removed, the others also have to be removed. So, though it may be injurious to the public, it cannot be removed without great difficulty.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is a sufficient excuse when it is brought to the notice of Government that a particular cemetery is injurious to the public, to say that there are others also there ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Government have to consider several points in deciding the case. The people began to live in the neighbourhood of the cemetery long after its establishment and so they courted the injurious effect of a burial ground in their neighbourhood.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what are the points that have to be decided in removing a cemetery besides the health of the inhabitants ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : The sentiments of the community that inhabit around the cemetery, the situation of similar cemeteries and burial grounds within the town and the mentality of the people.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether they have at any time ascertained the sentiments of the community in removing a cemetery or burial ground.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : I claim notice.

Mr. K. K. Thomas : May I know from the member whether the cemetery existed earlier than the place was inhabited?

President : You mean the age of the cemetery.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : That cannot be. People first set in and then the necessity for the cemetery arose.

President : There can be no necessity for cemetery without people ! (*Laughter*).

Mr. K. K. Thomas : May I know whether it was with the knowledge of the existence of the cemetery that the population has grown around the cemetery?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Yes..

Sinking of wells for the use of depressed classes.

76. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many wells were sunk for the depressed classes in this year (1109) in the taluks of Agastisvaram and Tovala; and

(b) how many memorials were received from the depressed classes from the above taluks for sinking of wells?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : (a) Six (2 in Agastisvaram taluk and 4 in Tovala taluk).

(b) Two.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member what action has been taken on these memorials?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : They have been sent to the Director of Public Health and he is taking action on them.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether these wells contain water during summer season?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : That information is not available here.

President : Has any complaint been received that there is no water in the wells during summer? Perhaps, that is your question.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Yes, Sir.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : No complaint has been received.